IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Accordingly, a need exists for a method and apparatus that provides a seal for the buttons of a personal digital assistant that restricts dirt, grim, and other foreign particles from getting underneath them. Embodiments of the present invention provide a method and apparatus which accomplish the above mentioned need. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 21, and ending on page 8, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In another embodiment, the present invention includes a removable button module for covering a button of a portable computing device. The removable button module includes a button frame module forming a cavity that aligns with the button of the portable computing device. Furthermore, the removable button module includes a membrane layer disposed on an outer side of the button frame module and covering an opening of the cavity. It is understood that the removable button module is for attaching to the portable computing device to cover the button of the portable computing device. The membrane layer is disposed above the button frame module when the removable button module is attached to the portable computing device to cover the button. --

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Serial No.: 09/819,593 PALM-3583.SG Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- FIGURE 2A is a top side perspective view of an exemplary personal digital assistant computer system. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- FIGURE 5 is a logical block diagram of exemplary circuitry of the personal digital assistant of Figure 2A. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- Accordingly, embodiments of the present invention provide a method and apparatus that provide a seal for the buttons of a personal digital assistant device that restricts dirt, grim, and other foreign particles from getting underneath them. --

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